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CARMARTHENSHIRE'S FIRST LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

The Government's White Paper "A New Deal for Transport Better for Everyone", heralded a new approach to transport, planning and provision, not just by Central Government, but by Unitary Authorities who are required to work in partnership, and through local initiatives such as better public transport, safer routes to school and so on, to meet demands for movements and not to go on trying to meet the insatiable demands for the motor car.

For many people in a rural county such as ours, the car will remain important for access and mobility, but the priority is to maintain and protect our existing infrastructure and environment rather than to seek to provide for continuing growth.

Better public transport and, in particular the bus, is seen as important in providing opportunity and choice for the residents in Carmarthenshire, and we will work in partnership with operators, adjacent authorities, town and community councils, to seek to improve the choices available to meet the demand for movement in the county.

We will seek to make it safer and more convenient to walk and cycle and, through safer routes to school initiatives and road safety training, encourage the next generation to take the opportunities for using alternatives to the car wherever possible.

This document is Carmarthenshire's first Local Transport Plan, and sets out a 5-year programme of actions designed to promote a more accessible and inclusive transport system for all its residents and visitors.

We will be working to ensure the demand for movement as a result of changing land use in the emerging Unitary Development Plan is compatible with the new approach, and we look forward to working with all sections of the community in helping to deliver a first class transport system for Carmarthenshire over the next five years.



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